



2022 Columbia Gorge Annual Economic Symposium

November 4, 2022, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
The Dalles Civic Auditorium, 323 E. 4th St., The Dalles

DRAFT Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Doors open for networking, coffee, pastries and fruit
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome Remarks
- 9:10 a.m. Keynote Presentation
Workforce Theme Speaker TBA
- 9:40 a.m. Connecting Today with the Regional Economic Development Strategy
Jessica Metta, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District
- 9:50 a.m. Regional Industry Trends and Forecasts
- *Scott Bailey, Washington Regional Economist*
 - *Dallas Fridley, Oregon Regional Economist*
- 10:30 a.m. Break for networking and refreshments
- 10:45 a.m. Panel Presentation: Renewable Energy Industry in the Gorge
What does the renewable energy industry look like in the Mid-Columbia today and in five years? How will the industry impact other sectors of the economy? What does the workforce look like? What challenges and opportunities are there?
- Keith Kueny, Farmers Conservation Alliance (micro-hydro)
 - Robert Wallace, Wy'east Resource Conservation and Development (electric vehicles in ag uses)
 - Jonathan Lewis, Klickitat Valley Health (microgrid)
 - Erik Steimle, Rye Development (Goldendale Pumped Storage)
 - Carol Loughlin, Lakeridge Resources (Cascade Renewable Transmission)
 - Anna Chittum, NW Natural (renewables division)
 - David Brown or Ken Dragoon, Obsidian Renewables (hydrogen)
- 11:55 a.m. Closing Remarks
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn

With Appreciation for our 2022 Sponsors:

